(ख) क्या सरकार के मलेरिया उन्मूलन कार्यक्रमों में ढिलाई और मच्छरों के उन्मूलन से संबंधित कार्यक्रमों के बेअसर होने के कारण देश भर में मलेरिया के रोगियों में वृद्धि हो रही है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी) : (क) 1995 और 1996 के दौरान संभावित मलेरिया तथा डेंगू ज्वर से मरने वाले व्यक्तियों की संख्या इस प्रकार है :

वर्ष	मलेरिया (संभावित)	डेंगू (संभावित)
1995	685 (अक्तूबर तक)	10
1996	1363 (अक्तूबर, 1996 तक)	454 (20.11.1996 तक)

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं। मलेरिया के प्रभावी नियंत्रण के लिए निम्नलिखित कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं :—

— रोग का आरम्भावस्था में पता पता लगाना तथा तत्काल उपचार उपलब्ध करना,

— रोग के फैलने को रोकने के लिए प्रभावकारी कीटनाशकों के इस्तेमाल के जरिए वैक्टर नियंत्रण,

— मच्छर के अण्डे देने के स्थानों को नष्ट कर मच्छरों को समाप्त करने के लिए लार्वा-रोधी उपाय, डिभकनार्मों का उपयोग तथा जैव पर्यावरणीय कार्यनीतियां अपनाना,

— स्वास्थ्य शिक्षा क्रियाकलापों में तेजी लाना ताकि मलेरिया की रोकथाम के संबंध में लोगों में जागरुकता पैदा हो सके,

— जिन क्षेत्रों में मच्छरों में कीटनाशकों के हजम करने की अधिक शक्ति आ गई है उन क्षेत्रों में मार्गदर्शी आकार पर नए कीटनाशकों का उपयोग करना।

Shifting of Proposed DD Kendra Hissar to Bhiwani

436. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the foundation stone of Doordarshan Kendra in Hissar, Haryana was laid by a Union Minister five years back;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is now being shifted to Bhiwani;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and when this decision was taken and by whom; and

(d) if not, when its construction will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A Studio centre and a High Power TV Transmitter at Hissar are envisaged to be set up subject to availability of fund and other infrastructural facilities. The normal lead time involved in implementation of such schemes is about 3-4 year after the approval is accorded.

Entry of Private Entrepreneurs in the Health Sector

437. **SHRI VEDPRAKASH P.GOYAL** : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private entrepreneurs are antering health sector in a big way by setting up corporate hospitals, nurshing homes and diagnostic centres throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether any concessions, subsidy of financial assistance is being given by Government to them;

(c) if so, whether Government would monitor their working to pravent profiteering;

(d) whether these hospitals impose exhorbitant charges which are beyond the capacity of common people;

(e) steps proposed to check this; and

(f) whether Government will put any condition that these hospitals earmark a certain percentage of cases at affordable rates for treatment for common people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) 'Health' being a State subject, it is generally the State Governments who provide concessions subsidy and financial assistance to private enterpreneurs for setting up of corporate hospitals, nursing homes and diagnostic centres in the States according to their rules/regulations and policy.

(c) to (f) The State Governments are resoonsible for regulating the private sector medical establishments for which some States have laws including land use law. The need to regulate the expansion of the Private sector medical establishmente including their standards, fees etc. has been emplasised at various fora. At present, the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 provides and avenue for redress in case the private medical establishments give unsatisfactory service.

Non-operating of Indian Airlines flights from Akola and Kolhapur airports

438. MISS SARAOJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines have not included Akola and Kolhapur airports for operating its flights therefrom though these airports are fully operational;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government is not coming forward to provide facilities to Indian Airlines at these airports; and

(d) if not, by when Indian Airlines is likely to operate its flights to these airports in the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d) Indian Airlines, at present, is not in a position to operate air services to Akola and Kolhapur due to shortage of suitable aircraft and operating crew. Private Operators are, however, being encouraged to add more stations in their network including akola and Kolhapur.

Pay Scale extended to RRB Staff

439. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extended the pay scale of the equated status of the Sponsoring Banks to the Regional Rural Bank staff as per Tribunal Award;

(b) what are the equated status of public sector bank to each category of Regional Rural Bank staff granted by Government;

(c) whether the Regional Rural Bank staff are getting the pay scale of their status as equated by Government in the Sponsoring Banks; and

(d) if not, with which pay scale now they are equated to?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The pay and allowances of the employees of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are to be determined by Government under Section 17(1) of the Reginoal Rural Banks Act, 1976.

Pursuant to the award of the National Industrial Tribunal (NIT), Government issued an order on 22.2.1991 determining the salary and allowances of the employees of the RRBs and made them effective from 1.9.1987.

After the implementation of the Sixth Bipartite Settlement for the Commercial Banks, the employees of the RRBs had taken a stand that the settlement should be extended to them also. The matter was taken to the Supreme Court by some employees. Government had taken a